

## JOHNSON CALLS FF GO WITH KETCHEL

Insists Britt Did Not Live  
Up to Stipulation Re-  
garding Forfeit.

## IS STILL HARPING ON JEFFRIES BOUT

Coyle Leaves Cash For Big  
Fighter to Cover Within a  
Month's Time.

CHICAGO, March 22.—When Willie Britt came steaming into Chicago to fight tonight to complete his arrangements with Jack Johnson for the heavyweight championship battle against Stanley Ketchel, he was met with the news that Johnson had called the bout off.

Johnson made a stipulation after Britt had left the New York end of the wire Thursday night that the balance of the forfeit money (\$4,000) must be posted by noon Saturday.

The time was too short for Britt to leave the money transferred from California, and he spent many dollars for telephone calls and telegrams trying to locate Johnson and have the time extended until Monday. The money was not up and Johnson professed to believe that Britt and Ketchel were trying to advertise themselves and the fight with Jack O'Brien in New York on Friday night.

His new-found dignity asserted itself, and the colored champion promptly called off the match despite remonstrances of friends, who told him that such a move would call down the furies of the sporting public on his head.

Johnson did not actually recall the money. So eager is the champion to get into actual combat that he has decided to leave the \$4,000 up for thirty days as a challenge to James J. Jeffries, the man whom the public wants to see fight him. If Jeffries fails to cover the \$5,000 in the next month then Johnson will give up his hope of getting into the ring with the former champion and turn his attention to other candidates for his crown, if he can find any.

## SUGGESTS THROWING MONEY INTO RIVER

Jim Jeffries snorted in a peculiarly nasty way when told that Johnson had called off his match with Ketchel, but was willing to leave his \$5,000 forfeit up for thirty days for the bolder man to cover.

"That's just what I expected," said Jeff, ignoring the latest defiance at himself and thinking only of the mid-dleweight who took the big black's offer of a match in good faith. "I thought it was funny he would risk so much money on anything. I don't believe he would even bet that much he is alive. Britt and Ketchel were foolish to think for a moment that he was acting on the edge of the edge."

"But you can put up \$5,000 right away and make him forfeit if he crawls," was suggested.

"Tell him to go and throw the money in the Chicago river or out into the lake. He can't force me to hurry me. When I get ready to talk I'll have plenty to say," snapped the big fellow.

## MALONEY IS ADDED TO MARATHON LIST

Field For Distance Derby Now In-  
cludes Six Stars—Stakes  
Aggregate \$10,000.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Matt Maloney, the crack ex-marathon long-distance runner, and the holder of the outdoor world's record for the full Marathon distance, 26 miles 385 yards, of 2 hours 36 minutes 25 1/5 seconds, will be a starter in the \$10,000 Marathon Derby which will be run at the Polo Grounds on Saturday afternoon, April 1.

With the entry of Maloney, the field for the Derby includes six: Tom Longboat, the Indian; Alfred Shrubb, of England; Dorando Pietri, of Italy; Hon. A. C. Yess, of France, and the Irish-American winner of the London Olympic Marathon race, Johnny Hayes.

## NELSON IS SIGNED FOR BRITT MATCH

Pair Will Meet in Australia Next  
Fall—Arrange Other  
Bouts.

CHICAGO, March 22.—Battling Nelson has been matched to meet Jimmy Britt in Australia next fall.

When Hugh McIntosh returns to Sydney after completing arrangements for the Johnson-Jeffries fight in this country, Nelson will go with him. Nelson signed an agreement with McIntosh for the Britt fight last night.

McIntosh is also arranging to take some of the other fighters across to Australia, notably Stanley Ketchel.

## GROOM EXCEPTION.

Bob Groom enjoys the distinction, if there is any, of being the tallest player in the National game. With the exception of Long Tom Hughes, most of the tall boys reeled in by Manager Cantillon have been shipped or canned, but reports from the training camp seem to indicate that Groom's "Peculiar" hope wonder is a permanent fixture.

## NATIONALS BEATEN; YANIGANS VICTORS

Detroit Hits Timely, While  
Washington Scatters Its  
Eight Bingles.

## TEAM STILL SHY IN WILLOW WORK

Looks Like Cantillonites Must  
Depend on Pitchers and De-  
fense For Protection.

WACO, Tex., March 22.—There was nothing to that game at San Antonio yesterday except that Detroit got the Washington scattered eight, while hits when it needed them badly, while through seven innings, and after the second inning never had a symptom of swatting in a crisis. Score, Detroit, 5; Washington, 3.

Although the team should be better than last year and not lose nearly so many games by one run, it does not promise to be a hitting organization, and will have to depend upon its pitchers and its defense. There is plenty of substance in the list all the way down to McBride, but it seems somewhat like William Jennings Bryan to the winning line. Clymer and Ganley have not yet reached their stride with the stick, which holds out some hope. Unglaub, Freeman and Blankenship are hitting better than was expected, and their contributions are of a wholesome order. Conroy and McBride are not showing much yet, but McBride should be going to prove a serviceable substitute for Milan in center. He is hitting and running with all his old dash, and has the chance to get in the game. It is hard to say how long Milan will be on the hospital list, for the nature of his injuries has not been determined.

## Gray Has Good Eye.

Gray has shown exceptionally good hitting for a young pitcher. He swings with great force and plainly has a good eye for the ball. In exhibition games he has proved a dangerous opponent for his rival slabsman and will bear watching. His pitching yesterday was not remarkable, but it was just as good as that of Willett. Cobb and Rossman made scratch hits that were big factors in two runs, and were more good factors in good management.

After he gets a little more accustomed to the work on ground balls Blankenship is going to prove a serviceable substitute for Milan in center. He is hitting and running with all his old dash, and has the chance to get in the game. It is hard to say how long Milan will be on the hospital list, for the nature of his injuries has not been determined.

## SQUADS MEET AT WACO.

There was much jubilation when the two Washington squads met in Waco this morning. The victory of the Yanigans over Waco yesterday swelled them up immensely, and they are telling about what they will do when they go forth again. Ganley's great one-hand catch yesterday is still the talk of the club. Incidentally, Ganley is more active and energetic in covering his position than he was last year.

The Washington Yanigans will leave here this afternoon for Topeka, Kan., where they will play next Saturday and Sunday, and be joined by the main squad on March 30.

Pitchers Gray and Groom will be shifted to the Yanigans, replacing Keely and Smith, who go with the big show. Bill Burns is expected here today and will go with the regulars. Cantillon has decided to carry Milan with the regulars instead of shipping him to Washington.

Four inches of snow is reported in Wichita, which is a poor prospect for Manager Hughes.

## COMMENT ON DAY'S SPORT TOPICS

### PIMICO'S CLOSE SHAVE.

It is cause for some satisfaction that the Maryland Jockey Club was not influenced by the ideas and ambitions of a few to conduct a race meeting at Pimlico without the sanction of the Jockey Club.

Such action would have been so short-sighted that it is worthy of no comment, particularly as the club realized in time that a mistake would be made if the proper application for dates had not been filed with the controlling turf body. Just how far the plans of the Maryland Jockey Club had progressed to break away from the Jockey Club may never be known, and now the least said about it the better.

The Jockey Club has always stood for what is best in racing, and while mistakes have been made it deserves the hearty support of all those interested in the sport at this time, when every effort is being made to gather up the loose ends and put racing back where it was before the body blow was received by the passage of the Agriculture bill last June. With care and time and patience it is more than likely that the Jockey Club will succeed in building up the sport once more, but it cannot be accomplished if internal strife crops out.

There is a rumor that Barney Dreyfus will send no invitations to the old Philadelphia drive when the new Spoketown park is ready for playing. Every time the name Philadelphia is mentioned, Barney has to yell for his smelling salts.

### NEW TRAINING SYSTEM.

PROBABLY the most pronounced development in baseball during the past twenty-five years has been the extension of the training trips.

In the old days the preparatory work was done on the grounds of the clubs, or in some convenient nearby town, while in the early days of the American Association the bulk of the practice was obtained in exhibition games with the National League clubs. It was

Waco Stands Aghast at the  
Terrific Speed of Hughes'  
Sizzlers.

## RAPP'S CATCHING BEARS OUT DOPE

Texas Team's Single Tally Comes  
In Third, After James  
Doubles.

WACO, Tex., March 22.—Washington's merry Yanigans turned the tables on Waco yesterday with a vengeance and eked out a victory by 2 to 1.

The beating administered the local aggregation was not so decisive, but was all the more of a disappointment since Waco obtained an early lead and looked to have the game clinched.

For a brief period Waco walloped Smith with great force and regularity and cleared decks for a repetition of the previous day's slaughter. Tom Hughes stepped into the breach and silenced any such mistaken notion. Long Tom saw seven men die by the strikeout route, and in the eighth benched all comers in one-two-three order. Hughes has not yet perfect control of his curves, but he can hurt them straight and sure. Not a man reached first on a pass while he rapped.

### Rapp Looks Promising.

The performance of Rapp also oars out early dope that the young man looks to be the goods. He caught nine innings yesterday. Despite Hughes' unusual speed he handled his end with machine like regularity.

Waco tallied in the third when James lined out a double and Kipp singled to right, scoring James. At that point the Nationals clamped down the lid, and the next two men were easy. Waco failed to score again.

The Yanigans scored in the fourth. Collins was given a base on balls and advanced to second on a passed ball. Rapp singled to deep left, and Collins reached home in the nick of time.

In the fifth Hughes flied to left, but Vinson missed and easy chance, and Long Tom rounded up on second. Shipke sacrificed. Pickering clouted one to the left field fence for two bags, scoring the other. Hughes flied to right field, retiring his side.

Waco will bid good-by to the Washington tribe today.

## PIMICO'S STAKES WILL BE GENEROUS

Over \$50,000 Will Be Given  
in Prizes This  
Season.

## SPRING MEETING OPENS APRIL 24

Maryland Jockey Club Will Add  
\$2,000 to Purse for Prea-  
kness Event.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 22.—The Maryland Jockey Club will give away about \$50,000 in added money during the sixteen days race meeting which begins at Pimlico April 24.

The Preakness will be run the last day of the meeting, is the most valuable offering of the season. The club has added \$2,000 to it and with the Jockey Club Cup of \$500 it amounts to a race of importance for this season of the year. The Preakness is a race exclusively for three-year-olds, with a nomination fee of \$25 and \$50 additional to start, which will bring first money up to an excellent sum. It is a mile and carries with it penalties and allowances that should bring about a first-class contest. The entries close April 15.

Second in importance to the Preakness, in money value, is the Merchants' Handicap, which has an added value of \$1,500. It is a mile and sixty yards and formerly is for three-year-olds and upward.

The Pimlico Nursery, for two-year-olds, and a four and a half-furlong dash, will contain the names of forty-two eligibles. It has an added value of \$1,000 and this makes it another of the important fixtures. The Chelsea Stable with five, and William Garth with six eligibles, are the best nominators still in the list.

Mrs. R. W. Walden has four, and W. A. Chandler three, while the Barberry Stable is represented by a daughter of Chilton and Hancock.

Samuel Ross is represented by three of likely breeding, and many other owners are represented.

## ELBERFELD GETS A PUNCH IN JAW

Athens Rah-Rah Boy Sends To-  
basco Kid to Turf in Fifth  
Inning.

ATHENS, Ga., March 22.—The Athens Rah-Rah boys aren't the most polite set in the universe. Left Fielder Bartlett did not like the strenuous manner in which Norman Elberfeld put the ball among his honorable ribs in the fifth inning of a recent game. Bartlett's protest took the form of a left hook to the jaw which sent the kid to the wet turf. Manager Stallings rushed on the field and kept the pair from mixing things up.

## BIKE RACE WINNERS TO TOUR CONTINENT

McFarland and Moran Plan to  
Give Exhibitions in Larger  
European Cities.

BERLIN, March 22.—Floyd McFarland and Jimmy Moran, winners of the six-day bike race that closed last night, are today preparing to tour the continent, giving exhibitions in all of the larger cities.

Their victory has made them a big drawing card, though it came easier than in any such race in which either had ever participated. Their distance was 2,425 miles, 312 miles less than was made in the professional New York race, also won by this pair.

Stol, of Holland, and Berthel, of France, were second. The Crown Prince was an enthusiastic spectator at the finish of the race.

## QUESTION OF CASH, SAYS JOHNNY KLING

Declares Hqd-out Is Not Forced  
By Disagreement With  
Manager Chance.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 22.—According to reports today Johnny Kling, the catcher, will not play with the Cubs this season. Left Fielder Bartlett did not like the strenuous manner in which Norman Elberfeld put the ball among his honorable ribs in the fifth inning of a recent game. Bartlett's protest took the form of a left hook to the jaw which sent the kid to the wet turf. Manager Stallings rushed on the field and kept the pair from mixing things up.

When asked why he would not play with the Cubs this season, he said: "There is no quarrel between Manager Chance and myself. I simply figure that I can make more money here in Kansas City than I could be going back with the Cubs. It is not a question of salary, but simply a case of dollars and cents, and I guess that is what we are all looking for."

## CURE VS. DEMAREST.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Tonight the International 18.2 ball line billiard tournament begins in Madison Square Garden Concert Hall with a match between Calvin Demarest and Louis Cure.

## CONFIDENCE ANSWER TO EARLY SHOWING, DECLARES MANAGER

Presents Contrast to Last Spring's Training, When Each  
Man Was Too Busy Clinching Job to  
Develop Team Work.

## LETTERS TO WASHINGTON FANS—No. 14

San Antonio, Tex.

March 22, 1909.

Dear Fanatics: That the Washington ball club is in the most impressive spring form it has shown in the past five years, both physically and mentally, as well as on the diamond, we have stated several times before.

With the exception of Unglaub and Conroy, the infield and outfield are the same this spring as last, but they are playing a much higher grade of ball at this early stage. Our earnest prayer is that they will continue the good work when the American League battle is on.

We commented to Manager Cantillon on the improvement displayed by his hired men in their vernal stunts, and he was there with an explanation that probably gives the right answer. Quoth he:

"It is not so much the fact that the team was together for a year and that the men understand one another, that explains the spring brace we are having these days. The real solution is that every man on our regular squad knows that he is sure of a job. There is not one over whom there is the slightest cloud. This relief is greater than the average fan can understand."

"Last year not an infielder was dead sure of his future. They were working with the idea of keeping their individual selves in fast company rather than with a view to developing slowly and laboriously a system of team play. Freeman and McBride were just up from the minors and Bill Shipke was worried about the prospects of his weak batting interfering with his drawing salary as a regular. Delehanty was reasonably sure of his place at second base, but had had bad seasons behind him, and it was no cinch he would not have another. Everybody was anxious to make good for himself, as I have said, and in spite of what any manager or trainer might order, they could not help being influenced by that motive."

### Will Take Chances.

"Now, it's all different. They all know they have the major league stamp on them, and that no matter what their showing on the field this spring there will be no danger of their being shunted back to the American Association. The consequence is there is more freedom in their thinking. They take

chances on their reputations in order to play inside ball, which chances they would not have taken in 1908. You may think I am exaggerating this mental attitude, but I am telling you facts, and the very questions I have been asked about the already noticeable improvements prove I am right."

I have the ambition which possesses every manager, which is to round out a team whose sole object will be to win. That is what has made the weak-limbed White Sox such a great ball club under Comiskey. They don't care if they don't see their names in the baseball column for a month. They go to the plate with the sole idea of helping to make a run; if they advance that good cause, but sink their batting average a point in doing it, they never care. It is a thought. They are the same in the field. If one of them sees a chance to turn a trick, but with the possibility that he may make an error that will bring a fierce roar from the fans, he does not hesitate a minute, but sails in and does the best he can. Knowing Fielder Jones and Comiskey will thoroughly approve of his effort—if it was inspired by brains."

### Chicago a Criticism.

"I am in hopes the Washington team will work up to the Chicago point, and when it does, there is going to be a lot of gnashing of teeth among some of the old-timers who have never regarded Washington in any other light than as a city where a losing club always drew an abundant and generous patronage. I am not bragging or after any scalp, but when the Nationals go to climb up among the elect, as they will some day, it's going to give me a couple of bushels of chortles, not only on my own account, but on account of the city, which deserves much better baseball than it has had for some years."

This is Cantillon's real attitude, and Brother Mike and Brother Jim Cantillon, who want him to take over the Minneapolis club, while they devote themselves to the Wyoming coal mine and other family interests, will have a hard time dragging Joe from his Washington berth if he does realize his hopes in the club this year. Although he and Sam Johnson are now annually at peace, and went hunting together last winter, it would give delight to Cantillon's soul to see the Nationals into the American League society, where it is least wanted, and would be a thorn in the flesh of all the wisecracks in the league.

Let us wish him success in his unholy scheme of revenge!

Yours in the faith,  
THOMAS S. RICE.

## CROWELL TO COACH LACROSSE PLAYERS

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., March 22.—The athletic committee of Lehigh University has engaged W. G. Crowell, of Philadelphia, a former George Washington University football coach, to coach the lacrosse team during the coming season.

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